



Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization

"Promoting Interconnected Transportation Options"



STAFF MEMORANDUM

Date: May 12, 2016
From: Erick Aune, MPO Transportation Planner
To: All Eligible Lead Agencies (including Municipality, County, Tribal Governments and School Districts)
Re: **FFY2018 and FFY2019 Transportation Alternatives Program - Call for Projects**

The Santa Fe MPO is soliciting applications for projects to be considered for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 and 2019 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funding within the MPO Planning Area (See the Planning Area Map on the Website). All project applications that are located within the MPO Planning Area must be submitted to the Santa Fe MPO. All supporting documents and forms for this process are available for download from the MPO Website at: <http://santafemopo.org/documents/tip/transportation-alternatives-program/>

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a federal program originally authorized under Section 1122 of the federal transportation funding act, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). TAP was reauthorized as a set-aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program in section 1109 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), signed into law December of 2015. TAP provides funding for programs and projects such as: pedestrian and bicycle facilities, safe routes to school projects, infrastructure improvements that provide non-drivers better access to transit, environmental mitigation, and other infrastructure improvements to the transportation system.

The FAST Act requires that all states develop a competitive process specifically for TAP project selection. For the FFY2018 and FFY2019 Funding the competitive process will involve projects being rated and ranked on a Statewide basis by a Selection Committee (Membership still being formulated).

Statewide TAP Funding Estimates for FFY2018 and FFY2019:

Pop. Area Target	FFY 2018	FFY 2019
Pop, over 200,000 Only available in Albuquerque and El Paso Large Urban Areas	\$1,128,404	\$1,159,613
Pop. 5,000 to 200,000 (Small Urban) Available for projects within the Urbanized Area Boundary*	\$1,149,550	\$1,181,346
Pop. 4,999 or less (Rural) Available for projects outside the Urbanized Area Boundary*	\$ 731,755	\$ 751,994
Anywhere (Flexible)	\$3,009,709	\$3,092,953
Total:	\$6,019,418	\$6,185,906

- Max TAP Funds Agencies can apply for = \$2,000,000
- Min TAP Funds Agencies can apply for = \$75,000
- Note: Amounts apply to TAP portions of infrastructure projects; total project costs may exceed this amount once local match and other funding sources are included.
- Program Funds require a 14.56% Local Match
- * - See Urbanized Area Map available to download on the MPO website.



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PROCESS: All Agencies are required to complete and submit electronically a Project Feasibility Form (PFF) to the Santa Fe MPO prior to submitting a TAP Application. Following receipt of the PFF the MPO will set up a meeting with the Agency and NMDOT representatives to determine the project eligibility and feasibility to meet the funding deadlines. If the project meets these criteria, then the Agency may submit a TAP Application Package to the MPO. The Deadline to submit a PFF electronically to Erick Aune at ejayne@santafenm.gov is **Friday July 1st, 2016 at 5:00PM** (PFF's can be submitted at any time before this deadline).

Project Applications **must** follow the New Mexico Transportation Alternatives Program Guide and include a Project Identification Form (PIF), TAP Application, Resolution of Sponsorship, Letter(s) of support regarding right(s) of way (if needed) and a basic map of the project location. The deadline to submit TAP Project Applications is **Friday October 28th, 2016 at 5:00PM** with applications submitted electronically to Erick Aune at ejaynesantafenm.gov. This will allow MPO Staff to review applications and request additional information if needed before submitting the Applications to NMDOT by November 30th, 2016

MPO Staff is available to meet or assist with the completion of the Project Applications (See staff contact information at end of memo).

Application Schedule Summary

Thursday May 12, 2016 – Release of Call for Projects

Friday July 1st, 2016 – Deadline to Submit Project Feasibility Form Electronically to the Santa Fe MPO at ejayne@santafenm.gov (5:00PM)

Monday July 11th - Friday July 15th – Technical Review & Support of submitted PFFs with MPO & NMDOT staff – Meeting will be set up and scheduled by the MPO.

Friday October 28th, 2016 – Deadline for Agencies to Submit TAP Project Application Electronically to the Santa Fe MPO at ejayne@santafenm.gov (5:00PM)

Friday November 30th, 2016 – Deadline for the Santa Fe MPO to Submit TAP Project Applications to the NMDOT TAP Coordinator (5:00PM)

Documents to Download from <http://santafemppo.org/documents/tip/transportation-alternatives-program/>

- Santa Fe MPO Planning Area Map
- Santa Fe MPO Urbanized Area Map
- NMDOT Transportation Alternatives Project Selection Guide
- TAP Project Feasibility Form (PFF)
- TAP Application Form
- NMDOT Project Identification Form (PIF)
- TAP Sample Resolution of Sponsorship
- Presentation to MPO Technical Coordinating Committee 05/23/16

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